

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: INOUE et al.  
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For: METHOD OF EXTRACTING VOLATILE COMPONENT FROM TASTY  
MATERIAL, THE VOLATILE COMPONENT AND FOODS AND DRINKS  
CONTAINING THE VOLATILE COMPONENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.